

Remarks/Election:

The May 20, 2003 purports that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

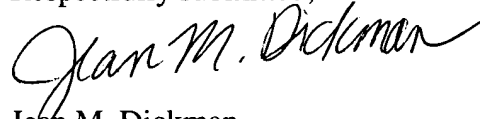
Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution of Claims 1-6, 8 and 14-19. Applicants have canceled the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

Furthermore, Applicants elect that the lectin is administered intravaginally and the device is non-absorbant as the single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants submit that Claims 1-6, 8 and 14-19 are readable thereon.

An action on the merits is solicited.

Although Applicant believes that this Amendment does not result in additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

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